A LETTER

Sent by order of both Houſes of Parliament, to the high Sheriffe of every Shire, concerning matters of great conſequence.

ALSO

An Order of both Houſes of Parliament; concerning ſuch perſons as are appointed for the gathering of ſuch ſums of money in *London*, as is intended for the reducing of the Rebels in *Ireland*.

Ordered by both Houſes to be printed.

LONDON,
Printed for *Iohn Franke*, and are to be ſold at his ſhop next doore to the Kings head in *Fleetſtreet*, 1642.

LETTER

Mr. SHERIFE,

THe Lords and Cõmons being deeply ſenſible of the unſpeakable calamities, which his Majeſties good Subjects of the Kingdome of *Ireland* doe now ſuffer by the barbarous Cruelties, and Maſſacres of the Rebels there, and conceiving theſe printed Propoſitions herewith ſent (being ratified by his Majeſties Royall Aſſent, and the unanimous approbation of both Houſes of Parliament) doe undoubtedly tend, to the ſpeedy and effectuall reducing of thoſe bloody Rebels, the propagating of the Proteſtant Religion, the augmenting of the greatneſſe, and Revenew of the Crowne of *England*, and the eſtabliſhing of an happy and firme peace for the future in his Majeſties three Kingdomes, And all this to be effected (by Gods gracious aſſiſtance) without the general charge of the Sub-

ject, and to the great advantage of thoſe that ſhall under-write, have thought fit to require you to publiſh theſe printed Propoſitions and Inſtructions at this Lent Aſſizes, to the intent, that all his Majeſties good people within your County, may take notice of the benefit they may receive by under-writing in due time, and that ſo many of them then preſent, and willing to ſubſcribe, may give up a note of their names, ſummes, and Dates of their Subſcriptions to you, to be entred in the paper booke, mentioned in the printed Inſtructions, which is forthwith to bee ſent unto you; And you are further directed hereby at this Lent Aſſizes (if they be not paſt) by the adviſe and aſſiſtance of the Iuſtices of peace for your County then preſent, to appoint certaine dayes and places, moſt convenient for this ſervice, when, and where your ſelfe, and the Iuſtices of peace within each diviſion will be preſent to receive the names, ſummes, and times of ſubſcription of ſuch of his Majeſties well affected Subjects within your County, as ſhall not have ſubſcribed at this Lent Aſſizes, their names, ſummes, and times of ſubſcription

ſcription to be likewiſe entred in the Paper booke. And if this be come to your hands after the Aſsiſes, then to appoint ſuch times and places, as may beſt ſpeed this ſervice.

And further, your ſelfe and the Iuſtices of Peace, the Miniſters of Gods word, and perſons of quality within your County, are hereby earneſtly deſired to ſhew themſelves active, and exemplary in advancing this great and pious worke, as a ſervice tending ſo much to the glory of God, the honour and profit of his Majeſty, and the peace and tranquilitie of his three Kingdomes for the future.

And you are likewiſe to informe thoſe that ſhall under-write, that the act of Parliament (which his Majeſtie hath promiſed to paſſe for the ſetling of thoſe two Millions and a halfe of Acres) is already in hand, and that the lands are to be divided ſo indifferently by lot amongſt them that under-write, that no one man whatſoever ſhall have more reſpect or advantage then another in the diviſion:

And laſtly, you are to give a ſpeedy accompt to the Parliament of your proceedings

and of thoſe that doe really advance this ſervice; Thus not doubting of your utmoſt care and diligence herein, wee bid you heartily farewell.

Your lov. Friend.

March 5. 1641.

IT is this day ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that Iohn Warner, Iohn Towes, Thomas Andrews, *Aldermen*, and Lawrence Halsted *Esquire*, or any two of them shall receive all such subscriptions and summes of monie as shall be subscribed, and paid in according to the printed Propositions made for the speedie reducing of the Rebels of Ireland, and assented unto by his Majestie and both Houses of Parliament, and are daily to attend that service at the Chamber of London, from eight of the clock till eleven in the forenoon, and from two of the clock till six in the afternoon, and 'tis further ordered, that this order shall be forthwith printed and published.

FINIS.